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transfer, or remove personnel authorized to have direct access to the system; and

- (6) A project may authorize and utilize remote (off-premises) system data bases to the extent that they comply with these security requirements.
- (h) All projects shall adopt procedures to assure that all information which is retained by a project has relevancy and importance. Such procedures shall provide for the periodic review of information and the destruction of any information which is misleading, obsolete or otherwise unreliable and shall require that any recipient agencies be advised of such changes which involve errors or corrections. All information retained as a result of this review must reflect the name of the reviewer, date of review and explanation of decision to retain. Information retained in the system must be reviewed and validated for continuing compliance with system submission criteria before the expiration of its retention period, which in no event shall be longer than five (5) years.
- (i) If funds awarded under the Act are used to support the operation of an intelligence system, then:
- (1) No project shall make direct remote terminal access to intelligence information available to system participants, except as specifically approved by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) based on a determination that the system has adequate policies and procedures in place to insure that it is accessible only to authorized systems users; and
- (2) A project shall undertake no major modifications to system design without prior grantor agency approval.
 - (ii) [Reserved]
- (j) A project shall notify the grantor agency prior to initiation of formal information exchange procedures with any Federal, State, regional, or other information systems not indicated in the grant documents as initially approved at time of award.
- (k) A project shall make assurances that there will be no purchase or use in the course of the project of any electronic, mechanical, or other device for surveillance purposes that is in violation of the provisions of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986,

Public Law 99–508, 18 U.S.C. 2510–2520, 2701–2709 and 3121–3125, or any applicable State statute related to wire-tapping and surveillance.

- (I) A project shall make assurances that there will be no harassment or interference with any lawful political activities as part of the intelligence operation.
- (m) A project shall adopt sanctions for unauthorized access, utilization, or disclosure of information contained in the system.
- (n) A participating agency of an interjurisdictional intelligence system must maintain in its agency files information which documents each submission to the system and supports compliance with project entry criteria. Participating agency files supporting system submissions must be made available for reasonable audit and inspection by project representatives. Project representatives will conduct participating agency inspection and audit in such a manner so as to protect the confidentiality and sensitivity of participating agency intelligence records.
- (o) The Attorney General or designee may waive, in whole or in part, the applicability of a particular requirement or requirements contained in this part with respect to a criminal intelligence system, or for a class of submitters or users of such system, upon a clear and convincing showing that such waiver would enhance the collection, maintenance or dissemination of information in the criminal intelligence system, while ensuring that such system would not be utilized in violation of the privacy and constitutional rights of individuals or any applicable state or federal law.

§23.30 Funding guidelines.

The following funding guidelines shall apply to all Crime Control Act funded discretionary assistance awards and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) formula grant program subgrants, a purpose of which is to support the operation of an intelligence system. Intelligence systems shall only be funded where a grantee/subgrantee agrees to adhere to the principles set forth above and the project meets the following criteria:

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- (a) The proposed collection and exchange of criminal intelligence information has been coordinated with and will support ongoing or proposed investigatory or prosecutorial activities relating to specific areas of criminal activity.
- (b) The areas of criminal activity for which intelligence information is to be utilized represent a significant and recognized threat to the population and:
- (1) Are either undertaken for the purpose of seeking illegal power or profits or pose a threat to the life and property of citizens; and
- (2) Involve a significant degree of permanent criminal organization; or
- (3) Are not limited to one jurisdiction.
- (c) The head of a government agency or an individual with general policy making authority who has been expressly delegated such control and supervision by the head of the agency will retain control and supervision of information collection and dissemination for the criminal intelligence system. This official shall certify in writing that he or she takes full responsibility and will be accountable for the information maintained by and disseminated from the system and that the operation of the system will be in compliance with the principles set forth in §23.20.
- (d)(1) Where the system is an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system, the governmental agency which exercises control and supervision over the operation of the system shall require that the head of that agency or an individual with general policymaking authority who has been expressly delegated such control and supervision by the head of the agency:
- (i) Assume official responsibility and accountability for actions taken in the name of the joint entity, and
- (ii) Certify in writing that the official takes full responsibility and will be accountable for insuring that the information transmitted to the interprisdictional system or to participating agencies will be in compliance with the principles set forth in § 23.20.
- (2) The principles set forth in §23.20 shall be made part of the by-laws or operating procedures for that system. Each participating agency, as a condi-

- tion of participation, must accept in writing those principles which govern the submission, maintenance and dissemination of information included as part of the interjurisdictional system.
- (e) Intelligence information will be collected, maintained and disseminated primarily for State and local law enforcement efforts, including efforts involving Federal participation.

§23.40 Monitoring and auditing of grants for the funding of intelligence systems.

- (a) Awards for the funding of intelligence systems will receive specialized monitoring and audit in accordance with a plan designed to insure compliance with operating principles as set forth in §23.20. The plan shall be approved prior to award of funds.
- (b) All such awards shall be subject to a special condition requiring compliance with the principles set forth in §23.20.
- (c) An annual notice will be published by OJP which will indicate the existence and the objective of all systems for the continuing interjurisdictional exchange of criminal intelligence information which are subject to the 28 CFR part 23 Criminal Intelligence Systems Policies.

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